

What is claimed is:

1. A carrying case providing privacy and light shade for a screen of a laptop computer disposed therein, the carrying case comprising top and bottom portions movable between closed and open positions, and panels disposed flush on an interior surface of said case top portion and pivotally movable from said case top portion to form an inverted u-shaped shroud resting on an interior surface of said case bottom portion, said case top and bottom portions and the panels forming a five sided cavity, a sixth side being open to permit viewing of the screen of the computer.
2. The carrying case in accordance with claim 1 wherein said panels comprise a central panel and a side panel on each end of said central panel.
3. The carrying case in accordance with claim 2 wherein said side panels are hingedly connected to said central panel ends.
4. The carrying case in accordance with claim 3 wherein said side panels are adapted to pivot inwardly to overlap each other.
5. The carrying case in accordance with claim 4 wherein said side panels when hingedly moved inwardly to overlap each other, overlie said central panel, said side panels being closer to said case top portion than said central panel.

6. The carrying case in accordance with claim 5 and further comprising a strip mounted on each side of said case bottom portion, each of said strips being adapted to lie flush with the interior of said case bottom portion, and adapted to be raised so as to stand on one lengthwise edge attached to said case bottom portion, each of said strips being provided with a first hermaphroditic fastener on one side thereof, and said side panels each having a strip at a free end thereof, said side panel strips each having a second hermaphroditic fastener thereon, the first and second hermaphroditic fasteners being engageable to lock the free ends of said side panels to the case bottom portion.

7. The carrying case in accordance with claim 1 wherein at least one of said case top and bottom portions is provided with a loop handle.

8. The carrying case in accordance with claim 6 wherein said side panels are each provided with an edge strip disposed along an outboard surface thereof on an edge proximate the case top portion when the side panels are in their cavity forming positions, and the case top portion is provided with side strips on the interior thereof, each side strip proximate an end edge of the case top portion, the strips having hermaphroditic fastener material thereon, and the side panel edge strips are engageable with the case top portion side strips to lock the side panel outboard surface edges to the case top portion end edges.

9. The carrying case in accordance with claim 8 wherein the fasteners are engaged and separated by manually pressing two of the fasteners together and pulling two of the fasteners apart, respectively.

10. The carrying case in accordance with claim 1 wherein said top and bottom portions are each provided with a lip portion upstanding along the free front edge and side edge portions thereof, the lip portion being provided with releasable connection structure for locking the lip portions together to lock the case top portion to the case bottom portion to effect locking closure of the case.

11. The carrying case in accordance with claim 10 wherein the releasable connection structure comprises at least one zipper.

12. The carrying case in accordance with claim 5 wherein interior surfaces of said shroud top and bottom portions and panels are of a non-glare, non-reflective, material.

13. The carrying case in accordance with claim 5 wherein said top and bottom portions are internally of generally stiff construction, covered externally with a soft outer material.

14. The carrying case in accordance with claim 13 wherein said panels are internally of generally stiff construction, covered by a non-glare, non-reflective matt material.

15. , The carrying case in accordance with claim 3 wherein said side panels are connected to said central panel by living hinges and said side panels are said central panel are generally stiff.

16. A carrying case providing privacy and light shade for a screen of a laptop computer disposed therein the carrying case comprising:

a case bottom and a case top hingedly connected to each other along back portions thereof and movable between open and closed positions;

connection structure disposed along other portions of the case for locking said case top to said case bottom when the case is closed, said connection structure being releasable to permit said case top to move away from the said case bottom to a location generally normal to said case bottom;

a central panel pivotally attached along a top edge thereof to an inside surface of said case top, said central panel being adapted to lie flush with an inside surface of said case top;

first and second side panels pivotally connected to said central panel, such that said side panels are adapted to lie flush with said central panel and adapted to be moved pivotally away from said central panel to positions generally normal to said central panel;

such that upon opening the case and moving said case top to the position generally normal to said case bottom, said central panel and said first and second side panels are pivotally movable

inwardly from main case top to position said central panel
substantially parallel with said case bottom;

the first and second side panels being then movable
downwardly and outwardly with free ends of said side panels being
engageable with an inner surface of said case bottom with said
side panels in positions generally normal to said central panel
and normal to said case bottom;

said case bottom, said case top, said central panel, and
said side panels thereby forming a five sided cavity, a sixth
side being open for viewing the computer screen disposed within
the cavity.

17. The carrying case in accordance with claim 16 wherein said
case bottom and top and said side panels are provided with
hermaphroditic fasteners engageable to fastener a first side
panel to a first end of said case bottom, a second side panel to
a second end of said case bottom, a rear edge of said first side
panel to a first end portion of said case top, and a rear edge of
said second side panel and a second end portion of said case top,
whereby to lock the case bottom and top and said panels together
forming the five sided cavity.

18. The carrying case in accordance with claim 16 wherein said
side panels are attached to said central panel by living hinges
and said side and central panels are of generally stiff
construction.

19. In combination, a lap top computer and a carrying case therefor, the combination comprising:

a laptop computer comprising:

a keyboard portion; and

a viewing screen portion;

the keyboard portion and the viewing screen portion being hingedly connected at rear edges thereof, such that the viewing screen portion is movable to a position upstanding from the keyboard portion; and

a carrying case retaining computer, said carrying case comprising:

top and bottom portions movable between closed and open positions; and

panels adapted to be disposed flush on an interior surface of said top portion and pivotally movable from said top portion to form an inverted u-shaped shroud resting on an interior surface of the bottom portion; said top and bottom portions and said panels being adapted to thereby form a five-sided cavity;

said computer screen portion being movable in the cavity from a closed position to the position upstanding from said keyboard portion and proximate said case top portion;

the shroud being open on a sixth side to permit viewing of said computer screen portion by an operator, while the shroud provides privacy and light shade.

20. A method for operating a laptop computer with the screen thereof shielded for privacy and prevention of glare, the method comprising the steps of:

providing in combination a laptop computer and a carrying case therefor, the combination comprising:

a laptop computer comprising;

a keyboard portion; and

a viewing screen portion;

the keyboard portion and the viewing screen portion being hingedly connected at rear edges thereof, such that the viewing screen portion is movable to a position upstanding from the keyboard portions; and

a carrying case retaining the computer, said carrying case comprising:

top and bottom portions movable between closed and open positions; and

panels adapted to be disposed flush on an interim surface of said top portion and pivotally movable from said top portion to form an inverted u-shaped shroud resting on an interior surface of said bottom portion, said top and bottom portions and said panels being adapted to thereby form a five-sided cavity;

opening the case and moving the top portion thereof to a position upstanding from the bottom portion;

moving the panels from the position flush with the interior surface of the top portion to positions wherein a central panel extends substantially parallel with the

bottom portion, and side panels at either end of the central panel to positions generally normal to the bottom portion;

whereby to form a shroud closed on five sides of the computer; and

moving the computer screen portion away from the computer keyboard portion and toward the case top portion; the shroud being open on a sixth side to permit viewing of the computer screen portion by an operator, while the shroud provides privacy and light shade; and

manipulating the keyboard portion of the computer.

21. A shield for a carrying case for a laptop computer, the shield comprising:

a panel assembly for disposition in the carrying case, the panel assembly comprising a central panel and a side panel on each end of said central panel;

said side panels being hingedly connected to said central panel ends;

said side panels being adapted to pivot inwardly to overlap each other and to lie flush against said central panel;

each of said side panels having an end strip at a free end thereof adapted to lockingly engage a bottom portion of the carrying case;

each of said side panels having an edge strip disposed along a rearward edge thereof adapted to lockingly engage a top portion of the carrying case;

wherein the carrying case top and bottom portions and the panel assembly central and side panels form a five-sided cavity, a sixth side being open to permit viewing of a screen of a computer disposed in the carrying case.